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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Docket No. FCIC-12-0003

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

NOTE: With this renewal submission of 0563-0067 – Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Requests for Applications, we are merging the burden of 0563-0066 – Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program and changing the title to – Risk Management Education and Outreach Partnerships Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C Chapter 35) this notice announces the Risk Management Agency's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Request for Applications.

DATES: Comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business [insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: FCIC prefers that comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID No. FCIC-12-0003, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- By Mail to: Lana Cusick, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808, telephone (202) 720-3325.

All comments received, including those received by mail, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, and can be accessed by the public. All comments must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rule. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information, see <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you are submitting comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and want to attach a document, we ask that it be in a text-based format. If you want to attach a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, it must be scanned as text and not as an image, thus allowing FCIC to search and copy certain portions of your submission. For questions regarding attaching a document that is a scanned Adobe PDF file, please contact the RMA Web Content Team at (816)823-4694 or by email at rmaweb.content@rma.usda.gov.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received for any dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the complete User Notice and Privacy Notice for Regulations.gov at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Risk Management Education and Outreach Partnerships Program.

OMB Number: 0563-0067

Type of Request: Extension, merge, and revision of a currently approved information

collection.

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Act directs the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, operating through RMA, to (a) establish crop insurance education and information programs in States that have been historically underserved by the Federal crop insurance program [7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(2)]; and (b) provide agricultural producers with training opportunities in risk management, with a priority given to producers of specialty crops and underserved commodities [7 U.S.C. 1522(d)(3)(F)]. With this submission, RMA seeks to obtain OMB's approval for an information collection project that will assist RMA in operating and evaluating these programs. The information collection project is a Request for Applications. The primary objective of the information collection projects is to enable RMA to better evaluate the performance capacity and plans of organizations that are applying for funds for cooperative and partnership agreements for risk management education programs and crop insurance education programs.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average: 16.75 per response for the Risk Management Education and Community Outreach Partnerships Program for agri-business professionals.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Agribusiness professionals.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 220 respondents

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Estimated total annual burden per respondents: 3,685 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments may be sent to Lana Cusick, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on February 17, 2012.

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